

PHYSICIAN'S COMPENSATION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS

Resolution No. 104-66

Committee 3A

Introduced by: Frank J. Novak, M.D.

Representing: San Mateo County Medical Society

WHEREAS, the new government health programs require hospitals to have "Utilization Review" committees in order to be reimbursed by these government health programs; and

WHEREAS, only physicians can serve on hospital committees affecting medical care; now therefore, be it

Resolved: That physicians be compensated for servicing the administrative requirements of hospital utilization committees.

ACTION: Referred to Committee on Hospital Affairs for further study.

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MEDICAL LABORATORY STUDY

Resolution No. 105-66

Committee 3

Introduced by: Abe E. Berman, M.D.

Representing: Sacramento County Delegation

Resolved: That the California Medical Association invite the California Society of Pathologists and other interested groups to join in a study of current medical laboratory practices in California, including, but not limited to:

1. Non-medical directed laboratories;
2. Contiguous-state laboratory licensing regulations, advertising and solicitation practices;
3. Changes in present state licensing regulations to assure maintenance of high quality medical laboratory work in light of rapidly changing laboratory technology.

ACTION: Amended as above and adopted by the House.

"CAL-MED"

Resolution No. 106-66

Committee 3A

Introduced by: Delegates from Los Angeles

ACTION: Not adopted by the House.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council study the "CAL-MED" proposal in depth and make frequent reports to the members of the House.

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ETHICAL PRACTICE OF ANESTHESIOLOGY

Resolution No. 107-66

Committee 4

Introduced by: Edward Twigg, M.D.

Representing: ACCMA

ACTION: Due to lack of a quorum this resolution was not considered by the House.

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COMMENDATION FOR SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PHYSICIANS

Resolution No. 108-66

Introduced by: Carl E. Anderson

Representing: Council

WHEREAS, the California Medical Assistance Program incorporates significant concepts relating to pre-payment; and

WHEREAS, for the past several years the Santa Barbara Plan provided a unique precedent in the application of pre-payment concepts to public assistance medical care; and

WHEREAS, this pilot program owes its outstanding success to the support of the physicians of Santa Barbara County and the sustained dedication of the County Society's review and quality of care committee, now therefore be it

Resolved: That this Council of CMA commend physicians of Santa Barbara County for the important contribution which they have made through the timely development and implementation of the Santa Barbara Plan which has proved so valuable in demonstrating the merits of private responsibility in pre-payment of government-financed programs.

ACTION: Adopted by the House.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws may be introduced at any session of the House of Delegates. Amendments to the Bylaws may be acted upon 24 hours after introduction, while amendments to the Constitution must lie on the table until the next regular meeting of the House of Delegates.

Reference Committee No. 4 considers all pro-

posed amendments to both the Constitution and the Bylaws. Under the required waiting periods, all Constitutional amendments introduced in 1965 were brought before the House of Delegates for action in 1966. In some instances, proposed amendments to the Bylaws are also held over for one year, where they are entered as companions to proposed amendments to the Constitution.

ACTIONS

Listed below are actions taken by the House of Delegates on all proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws presented for action this year. A two-thirds affirmative vote is required for passage of all amendments. New language approved is shown in italics.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 1-65 COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL

Introduced by: Council

ACTION: *Not adopted by the House.*

BYLAW AMENDMENTS

BYLAW AMENDMENT NO. 1-66 RETIRED MEMBERSHIP

Resolved: That Chapter II, Section 4(a) of the Bylaws of the California Medical Association be amended by inserting the language in italics so that the section shall read:

“(a) Retired Members. The Council, on recommendation of any component society, may grant retired membership to those active and associate members who have ceased the practice of medicine to the extent and for reasons satisfactory to such component society and the Council, who have been active members of the Association for a total of 10 years prior thereto and who have paid dues for the current or immediately preceding year, *and those retired physicians who have moved to California and who have been active members of another state association or the American Medical Association for a total of 10 years prior thereto.*”

ACTION: *Adopted by the House.*

BYLAW AMENDMENT NO. 7-66 AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

Resolved: That Chapter II, Section 3, Paragraph (d) of the Bylaws of the California Medical Association be amended by adding the language in italics:

“(d) Qualifications for Affiliate Members. To be eligible for election to affiliate membership in a component society, an applicant must be, and must continue to be throughout the term of his membership, an intern, resident or house officer in an approved hospital within the county of the component society concerned. *A component society may grant affiliate membership to any phy-*

sician not qualified for a class of membership referred to herein but whose qualifications are otherwise acceptable to the component society for affiliate membership.”

ACTION: *Adopted by the House.*

BYLAW AMENDMENT NO. 8-66 PROVISIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Resolved: That Section 3, Chapter II, of the CMA Bylaws be amended by adding the words in italics and by deleting the words shown in parentheses, and to read:

“Section 3—Qualifications of Active, Associate, (and) Affiliate, *and Provisional Members*

“(a) Component Societies Sole Judges. Each component society shall, subject to the minimum requirements for eligibility as hereinbelow provided, determine the qualifications for membership for active, associate (or) , affiliate *or provisional* membership therein, and shall be the sole judge of the qualifications of applicant for such membership.”

and be it further

Resolved: That paragraph (e) be added under Chapter II, Section 3 of the Bylaws to read:

“(e) *Qualifications for Provisional Members. To be eligible for provisional membership in a component society, an applicant must possess all the qualifications necessary for active membership and be serving a provisional applicant term as may be required by the component society of all applicants for membership.*”

ACTION: *Adopted by the House.*

Because a quorum was not present, the amendments listed below were not considered.

BYLAW AMENDMENT NUMBERS

22-65 Failure to Pay Dues

2-66 Termination, Suspension or Probation of Membership; Chapter II, Section 10(c)

3-66 Duties of District Councilors; Chapter VI, Section 8

4-66 Employment of Secretary, Assistant Secretaries, Editor and Associate Editors; Chapter VI, Section 12

5-66 Executive or Field Secretaries or Representatives; Chapter VI, Section 14

6-66 Duties of the Secretary, Executive Secretary and Field Representatives; Chapter IX, Section 2

- 9-66 Committee on Cardiovascular Diseases; Chapter IV, Section 2
- 10-66 Referendum Petitions; Chapter XII, Section 5
- 11-66 Addresses and Scientific Paper; Chapter IV, Section 6
- 12-66 Committee on Adverse Drug Reactions; Chapter IV, Section 2(i)
- 13-66 Committee on Veterans Affairs; Chapter

VII, Section (a)

- 14-66 Committee on Medical Aspects of Sports and Physical Fitness; Chapter VII, Section 1(c) (6)
- 15-66 The Election; Chapter XII, Section 6
- 16-66 Employment of Secretary, Assistant Secretaries, Editor and Associate Editor; Chapter VI, Section 12—Chapter XIX, Section 2—Chapter VI, Section 14

FOR ACTION IN 1967

Six constitutional amendments were introduced in the 1966 House of Delegates and, under the terms of the Constitution, must lie on the table until the next regular meeting of the House of Delegates.

These proposed amendments are shown here for the information of the membership. In addition, the proposed Constitutional amendments are required to be printed in two issues of CALIFORNIA MEDICINE before it comes before the House of Delegates for action.

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 1-66

PHYSICIANS' BENEVOLENCE FUND

Introduced by: Council

Resolved: That Article IV, Section 6, of the Constitution of the CMA be amended by adding the language in italics and deleting the language shown in parentheses so it shall read:

"Section 6—Physicians' Benevolence Fund.

"The Council shall determine from year to year, at the time of the Annual Meeting, (at least \$1.00 out of) the portion of the annual dues paid by each active member of the Association (shall) to be allocated to the Physicians' Benevolence Fund, Inc., a corporation, (and) funds so allocated shall be used for the purposes as set forth in that corporation's articles and bylaws."

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 2-66

COMPOSITION OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Council

Resolved: That Article III, Part B, Section 9, of the California Medical Association Constitution, be deleted and the following amendment be adopted:

"The Council shall consist of:

"(a) Elected councilors from the councilor districts set forth in Section 10. Each councilor district shall be entitled to elect one (1) councilor for each 1,000 active members, or major fraction thereof, according to its membership as of the first day of September of the preceding year; provided, that each councilor district shall be entitled to a minimum of one (1) councilor.

"(b) Elected councilors from any one district shall not, at any time, exceed 40 per cent of the total Council membership.

"(c) The president, president-elect, immediate past president, speaker and vice-speaker.

"(d) The secretary and editor, when they are members of the Association, and one member of the Executive Committee of the Scientific Board, who shall be elected by the Executive Committee of that body from representatives of the scientific sections or members-at-large. These three persons shall be ex officio members of the Council without the right to vote."

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CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 3-66

OFFICERS

Introduced by: Council

Resolved: That Article VI, Section 1, of the Constitution of the California Medical Association be amended by adding the language in italics and deleting the language shown in parentheses so that it shall read:

"Section 1.—Officers

"The officers of this Association shall be a President, a President-Elect, (a Secretary) a Chairman of the Council, a Vice-Chairman of the Council, a Speaker of the House of Delegates, a Vice-Speaker of the House of Delegates and, when they are members of the Association, a Secretary and an Editor."

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 4-66
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TRANSFERRING
AMADOR COUNTY TO FIFTH DISTRICT

Introduced by: Tenth District

WHEREAS, Article II, Part B, Section 10 of current CMA Bylaws places Amador County in Councilor District Number Ten; and

WHEREAS, only two of the 12 medical doctors licensed in Amador County maintain county society affiliation in a Tenth District society, the majority, because of travel patterns and hospital locations, preferring to affiliate with a county medical society in the Fifth District; and

WHEREAS, the Fifth and Tenth District delegations have endorsed such transfer of Amador County to the Fifth District; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That Article II, Part B, Section 10 of the Constitution of the CMA be amended by adding the words in italics and deleting the words in parentheses, and to read:

"District Number Five, comprising *Amador*, Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties.

"District Number Ten, comprising Sacramento, (Amador,) Alpine, El Dorado, Placer, Nevada, Sierra, Yuba, Sutter, Yolo, Colusa, Glenn, Butte, Plumas, Tehama, Trinity, Shasta, Lassen, Modoc and Siskiyou Counties."

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 5-66
ESTABLISHING A SEPARATE COUNCILOR DISTRICT
FOR THE COUNTY OF ORANGE

Introduced by: Orange County Medical Association

Resolved: That Article III, Part B, Section 10, Councilor District of the CMA Constitution be deleted and the following Section 10 substituted therefor.

"There are 12 districts as follows:

"District Number One, comprising San Diego.

"District Number Two, comprising Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino, Mono and Inyo Counties.

"District Number Three, comprising Orange County.

"District Number Four, comprising the County of Los Angeles.

"District Number Five, comprising Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties.

"District Number Six, comprising Kern, Kings, Tulare, Fresno, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Calaveras and Tuolumne Counties.

"District Number Seven, comprising Monterey,

San Benito, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties.

"District Number Eight, comprising San Francisco County.

"District Number Nine, comprising Alameda County and Contra Costa County.

"District Number Ten, comprising Marin, Solano, Napa, Sonoma, Lake, Mendocino, Humboldt and Del Norte Counties.

"District Number Eleven, comprising Sacramento, Amador, Alpine, El Dorado, Placer, Nevada, Sierra, Yuba, Sutter, Yolo, Colusa, Glenn, Butte, Plumas, Tehama, Trinity, Shasta, Lassen, Modoc and Siskiyou Counties.

"District Number Twelve, consisting of any society which is not limited as to geographical area, or the area of which overlaps the area covered by one or more existing component societies; such society and its members shall not be considered to be members of any other councilor district."

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT NO. 6-66
REVISION OF DISTRICT ONE

Representing: Imperial

Introduced by: Burke E. Schoensee

Resolved: That Article III, Part B, Section 10 of the Constitution be amended by revising District Number One to include San Diego and Imperial Counties, and that Imperial County be deleted from District Number Two, and that otherwise said Section remain unaltered.

AMENDMENT CALIFORNIA MEDICAL
ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

Resolution No. 97-66

Committee 4

Introduced by: Los Angeles Delegation

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the California Medical Association was amended in 1962, to provide that the California Medical Association could issue a charter to a component county medical society, *or any established component district, of at least 300 members of a county society, which has exercised option to withdraw from that county society and set up a separate component society*, subject to a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Delegates of the House of Delegates of the California Medical Association, approving such withdrawal and the issuance of a charter; and

WHEREAS, the Bylaws of the California Medical Association were not amended in 1962, to provide a procedure for an orderly exercise, by an established component district of a county medical society, of the option to withdraw from the County Medical Society and to become autonomous; and

WHEREAS, a procedure should be established by

the House of Delegates of the California Medical Association; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That the Speaker of the House of Delegates be hereby authorized to appoint an Ad Hoc committee of this House of Delegates to study and investigate the problem of the establishment of an orderly procedure for an established component district of a county medical society to exercise

option to withdraw from the county medical society and become autonomous and said ad hoc committee to submit a proposed bylaw amendment to the California Medical Association Bylaws that would detail and provide such an orderly procedure.

ACTION: *Because a quorum was not present, this resolution was not considered.*

REFERENCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

Reference Committees are encouraged to comment on any activity of the California Medical Association that comes to their attention. If these observations or recommendations are not directed toward a specific resolution, constitution or bylaw amendment, they are recorded in this section.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE NO. 1

It is recommended that:

(1) The California Medical Education and Research Foundation report its activities to the House of Delegates in the *Annual Reports Bulletin*;

(2) The Bureau on Research and Planning publish an index of the data it has available so that any physician who wishes may request specific information the Bureau has on deposit. Copies of studies need not be voluntarily distributed.

The committee observed that the growth of the Bureau of Research and Planning has been rapid and recognized that there is an optimum to the size of such an activity and a limit to the financial support that can be given it.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE NO. 2

1. That the House of Delegates express to the family of the late Mr. Hunton, its gratitude for his many contributions.

Recommend that this be done by a letter from Doctors Quinn and MacLaggan.

2. That all members of the Association should be more adequately informed on how cost estimates are projected and the various steps and stages through which the budget is processed before reaching the House of Delegates for consideration.

Recommend that the Finance Committee prepare an article for California Medicine.

3. That the CMA staff prepare a cost estimate on each resolution introduced to the House of Delegates, such cost estimate to be given to the

appropriate Reference Committee at the time of its hearing and again when presented to the House of Delegates. Also recommended that a similar procedure be followed by the Council when considering initiation of unbudgeted activities.

Recommend that this be referred to the Finance Committee and the staff.

4. That the Council evaluate the proper role of this Association in the financial support of medical libraries and recommend a policy to be considered by the House of Delegates at its next annual meeting.

Recommend that this be referred to an ad hoc committee composed of the chairmen of the Scientific Board, Committee on Continuing Medical Education, Finance Committee, a member of the House of Delegates Reference Committee No. 2 and the presidents of those county medical societies having libraries.

5. That the Council be instructed to place an appropriate amount of income into the reserves each year until this objective (adequate reserve) has been accomplished.

Recommend that this be referred to the Finance Committee.

6. That the Council disseminate appropriate information to the entire membership regarding the need for the increases in dues through established publications.

Recommend referral to the Finance Committee and the Commission on Communications.

REFERENCE COMMITTEES NOS. 3, 3A and 3B

Recommendations are a part of the report on the resolutions.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE NO. 4

Recommendations are a part of the report on the constitutional amendment or bylaw change.

REFERENCE COMMITTEE ON THE CALIFORNIA PHYSICIANS' SERVICE

Recommendations are a part of the report on the resolutions.